

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5803
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FODDER BANK
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of fodder in each State during the last three years;
- (b) the schemes sponsored by the Union Government to produce fodder and feed;
- (c) whether the Government propose to create fodder banks in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is a scheme to convert paddy straw and cane bagasse into nutritious livestock feed and despatch to needy States; and
- (f) the States which are in urgent need of fodder?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Details of production of fodder is being collected from the States.

(b): Central Government have a scheme on Assistance to States for feed and fodder development. The expenditure under the scheme is shared by Central/State Government. The components of the scheme and their cost sharing pattern area:-

- i. Strengthening of State Farms for Production of fodder seeds (75:25);
- ii. Establishment of fodder banks (75:25);
- iii. Fodder Seed Production through registered growers (25:75);
- iv. Enrichment of straw/cullulosic waste (100:00);
- v. Establishment of silvipasture system for increasing Bio-mass production (100:00);
- vi. Development of grasslands including grass reserves (100:00);
- vii. Sample Survey for area, production and requirement of fodder crops (100:00);

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Central Government is providing assistance to the State Governments for Establishment of fodder banks mostly for creation of infrastructure. During 1999-2000, a sum of Rs.145.56 lakhs was provided to the States viz. J&K (Rs.50.56 lakhs), Gujarat (Rs.79.00 lakhs), Nagaland (Rs.16.00 lakhs) for establishment of six fodder banks.

(e): Yes, Sir.

There is a component under the scheme on Assistance to States of feed and fodder development on `enrichment of straw/cullulosic waste` under which dry fodder viz. wheat bhusa, paddy straw and cane bagasse are being treated with urea and molasses. This department is providing 100% Central assistance to the State Governments. However, there is no provision to despatch such enriched fodder to States.

(f): Gujarat and Rajasthan.